

Coalition for Juvenile Justice and its membership is changed to meet the requirement of both programs. Judicial branch members of the advisory committee are removed because of recent Supreme Court rulings which affect their participation in crime commission administrative activities. Both advisory groups rely upon the same crime commission support staff. Currently, the two groups meet separately four times each year. The combined advisory group would meet six times a year reducing crime commission staff preparation time by two meetings each year. The purpose of and eligibility for the grants overseen by the combined advisory group would remain unchanged. The fourth part of the amendment pertains to the Clinical Laboratories Certification (sic) Act, the CLIA act. This was a law the Legislature passed in 1990 to provide for state certification of laboratories that perform testing or diagnostic work on human tissue. The implementation of the act has been delayed three times while the effectiveness of a similar federal act was evaluated. It is currently scheduled to take effect in October of this year. As originally introduced, LB 485 would repeal the Nebraska CLIA certification act. The Health Committee amendments to LB 485 struck the repeal language and issued instead a delayed elimination date of October, '97. The two-year delay is contained in this amendment. And finally the provision of Senator Hartnett's LB 612 are incorporated in this amendment. This section of statute creates an Advisory Council on Visually Impaired Services in the Department of Public Institutions. DPI currently has two such advisory groups, one mandated by state law and one by federal law. Since both groups currently meet jointly and perform essentially the same function, DPI feels the state appointed group is an unnecessary duplication. The Governor had intended to appoint a joint advisory panel by executive order meeting the requirements of federal law. Members of the visually impaired community were more comfortable retaining a statutory requirement to form the advisory group. Since Senator Hartnett's bill amended the statutes to meet the requirements of the federal law, we have put this bill, his bill into this amendment. If there are any questions, I will be happy to try to answer them for you. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator. Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you, Madam President, members, this bill is LB 485 and it deals with the cleanup of a number of provisions in statute regarding the Health Department and their